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Field Crops

Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent, but the cold snap may result in frost damage and adversely affect next cutting. Harvesting occurred on nearly half of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Durum wheat acreage is at 85 percent planted and barley acreage planted was virtually complete by week's end.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale greens, parsley and spinach last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, spinach and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and romaine. Various citrus was also shipped in Arizona.

Range and Pasture

The abundant and widespread rain events followed by warm temperatures have helped grazing areas respond favorably to the drought conditions. Water tanks received significant run-off from the storms. Almost two-thirds of pasture areas are in fair or better condition.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent					
	- Percent -									
Alfalfa	3	12	32	31	22					
Range and Pasture	18	23	43	15	1					

Weather Summary

Temperatures were normal across the State for the week ending February 3, 2013, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Coolidge and Paloma to 4 degrees above normal at Prescott and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 79 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was -3 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Nineteen of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Grand Canyon received the least precipitation at .01 inches and Payson received the most at 1.39 inches. Aguila, Bullhead City, and Roll did not receive any precipitation this week.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data											
January 28, 2013 - February 3, 2013											
	Temperature				Precipitation						
					Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent			
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Week	to Date	From Normal	of Normal			
Aguila	49	-2	74	29	0.00	1.54	0.17	112			
Buckeye	52	-3	73	33	0.07	1.35	0.62	185			
Bullhead City	56	0	72	34	0.00	0.10	-0.94	10			
Canyon De Chelly	34	1	51	19	0.13	0.82	0.04	105			
Coolidge	50	-4	72	29	0.12	1.21	0.27	129			
Douglas	46	-1	73	24	0.18	0.90	0.11	114			
Flagstaff	32	2	56	11	0.62	2.64	0.39	117			
Grand Canyon	29	2	54	-3	0.01	0.09	-2.65	3			
Kingman	46	2	65	25	0.03	0.76	-0.25	75			
Maricopa	52	-1	73	32	0.02	1.21	0.42	153			
Paloma	52	-4	76	31	0.04	0.83	0.12	117			
Parker	52	-3	73	32	0.01	0.70	-0.22	76			
Payson	40	0	65	20	1.39	3.54	1.35	162			
Phoenix	58	3	76	43	0.17	1.39	0.66	190			
Prescott	41	4	62	21	0.45	1.93	0.25	115			
Roll	54	-1	79	32	0.00	0.16	-0.22	42			
Safford	46	1	69	25	0.06	0.27	-0.47	36			
St. Johns	36	1	58	14	0.16	0.30	-0.43	41			
Tucson	52	-2	75	33	0.06	0.82	-0.12	87			
Willcox	43	-2	73	21	0.18	0.47	-0.56	46			
Winslow	39	4	57	22	0.07	0.74	0.26	154			
Yuma	60	2	78	41	0.28	1.02	0.64	268			
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